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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged slightly above normal in the east and considerably above in the west, with only light wind during most of the week. There was no precipitation until the weekend, when light to locally moderate showers, with temperatures above freezing fell over the eastern and southern portions of the state.

CROPS Winter wheat was benefited by the moisture from the snow which packed the surface soil more firmly. Wheat in some of the southwestern counties could use a little more moisture to advantage. Stocks of old wheat are about two-thirds as large as they were a year ago.

Practically no corn has been husked since the middle of December when about 13% of the corn was still in the field. There were a few reports of corn spoilage. Generally, the cold weather has checked spoilage except where corn had started to heat.

The disappearance of corn has been more rapid than anticipated. Stocks of corn, like wheat, are only about two-thirds the stocks on hand a year ago and are considerably below the average. Livestock feeding has been on a larger scale and the demand good. The price of soft corn is somewhat higher and there is a good demand for old corn.

A few counties report an increased interest in barley to offset the shortage of feed grain next summer. There is an interest in testing and locating oats and barley for seed for planting next spring.

There is much objection to price control of potatoes. One report indicates that farmers who have stored a good grade of potatoes and who have taken the shrinkage are not faring as well as those who sold potatoes from the field.

More favorable weather this month than last has eased the feed supply situation. Most of the snow has gone and the range is open again. The cold, stormy December weather necessitated heavy feeding of hay. While hay is poor in quality, stocks of hay are much larger than they were a year ago. Increasing interest in both alfalfa, grass and corn silage is reported from several counties. In general, silage has kept well even that placed on the surface of the ground.

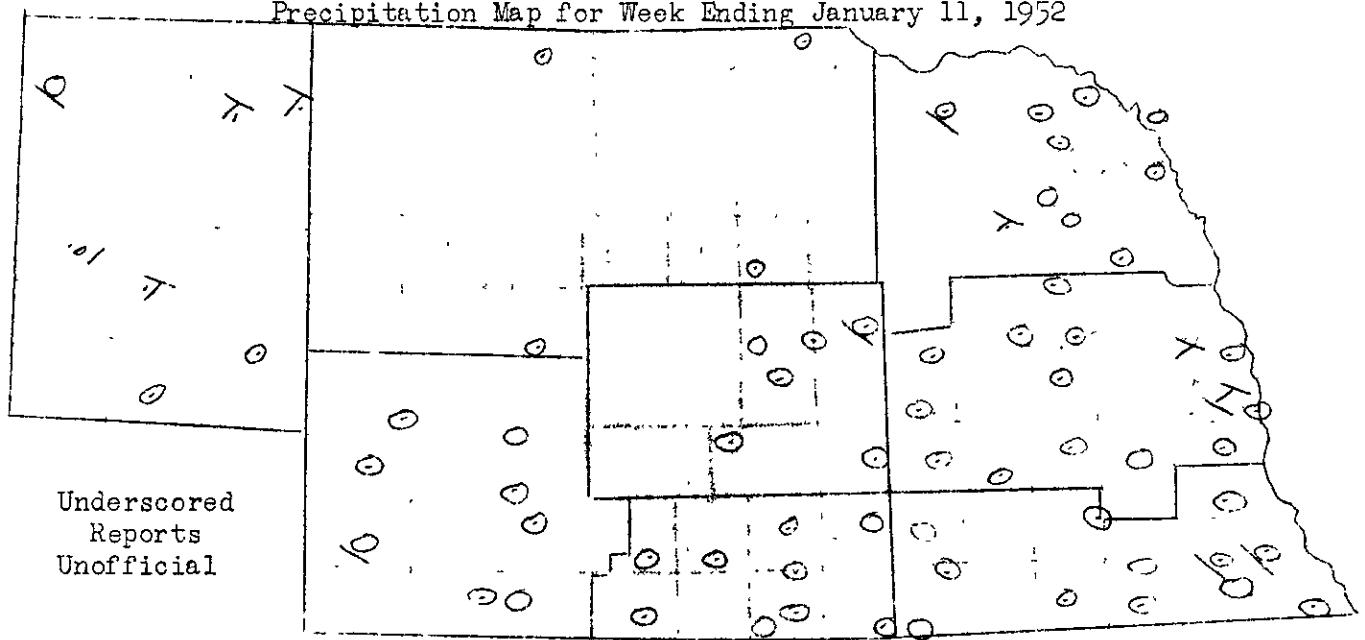
A considerable number of farm property sales are reported, mostly by renters who have lost their farms. Pickup service for milk by the cheese factory at McCook has stimulated the interest in the production of milk in that area.

LIVESTOCK The drop in the price of eggs is rather discouraging and may have a tendency to reduce numbers this year. Some farmers who had held hogs for a better price have marketed them. Low price of feeding hogs has reduced the price and demand for feeder pigs. Some are considering further reduction in spring farrowing and are marketing bred sows and gilts. Some cattle on feed have been marketed in the partly finished condition due to running out of corn. The January estimate number of cattle on feed will be released January 17.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 14, 1952

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .03	Burwell 0	Chadron 0
Lincoln .01	Lexington .03	Imperial .07
Norfolk .11	North Platte .23	Scottsbluff .01
Omaha .08	Valentine .09	Sidney 0
Sioux City .03		

Precipitation Map for Week Ending January 11, 1952



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES. (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		Jan.													
		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	46	25	34	16	32	9	50	18	48	19	40	29	56	37
	Scottsbluff	38	20	41	11	34	13	55	17	48	14	50	18	57	33
	Sidney	45	24	40	14	31	11	46	25	40	18	49	31	55	35
N-C	Burwell	35	15	--	--	--	--	41	21	46	13	22	18	--	--
	Valentine	41	20	33	15	21	6	38	23	39	16	27	18	43	29
NE	Norfolk	31	20	--	--	22	-1	33	28	40	16	28	14	45	28
	Sioux City	32	17	30	12	20	-1	31	19	42	16	25	12	34	21
CEN.	Grand Island	31	12	42	22	31	8	39	32	47	22	28	21	43	32
	Lexington	34	21	45	15	37	4	43	27	52	22	30	18	43	32
E-C	Lincoln	37	19	34	19	27	8	34	32	42	22	27	19	44	34
	Omaha	35	21	32	5	23	1	35	26	43	18	29	15	42	30
SW	Imperial	45	25	47	19	36	10	42	21	53	18	44	26	48	30
	North Platte	44	28	46	16	37	9	44	23	51	19	28	19	45	31

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